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In Re Application of:

CHRIS BUHR et al.

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METHYLENE PHOSPHONATE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGS

AND NUCLEOSIDES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUEREMENT VED

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

GROUP 1800

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement made under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of the Examiner's Group II drawn to claim 7-18, 20 and 22 drawn to mononucleotides classified in Class 536-29 and pharmaceutical compositions. Applicant requests the Examiner to examine the subject matter of Group IV with Group II for the convenience of the public in having the use with the compounds and compositions. Since only one additional search class is involved, it is believed that no

undue burden would be placed on the Office by this combination, which is often the practice of the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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